(Washington, DC) Today, Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-Miramar) announced that he will be speaking at the induction service for the 1 st Historic African American Funeral Home Hall of Fame Induction Event.

The event will be held Wednesday, August 4 at 7:30 a.m. at the Marriott Harbour Beach Hotel in Fort Lauderdale.

This event will honor over 30 African American funeral homes that were founded between 1833 and 1910, who are still operating today.

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WHO: The National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association and 100 Black Women of Funeral Service Organization

WHAT: 1st Historic African American Funeral Home Hall of Fame Induction Event

WHEN: Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 7:30 AM

WHERE: Marriott Harbour Beach Hotel (3030 Holiday Drive – Fort Lauderdale)

2010 AFRICAN AMERICAN FUNERAL HOME HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

Joseph G. Locks Funeral Home (Baltimore, MD)

Carl Miller Funeral Home (Camden, NJ)

V.Y. Scott Funeral Home (Amelia Court House, VA)

Cooke Bros Funeral Chapel (Newport News, VA)

Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home (Durham, NC)

J.M. Wilkerson Funeral Establishment (Petersburg, VA)

Bynes-Royall Funeral Home (Savannah, GA)

Gertrude Geddes Willis Funeral Home (New Orleans, LA)

Berry and Gardner Funeral Home (Meridian, MS)

Patton Brothers Funeral Home (Franklin, TN)

Charbonnet-Labat-Glapion Funeral Home (New Orleans, LA)

Rhodes Funeral Home (New Orleans, LA)

Jarnigan and Son Mortuary (Knoxville, TN)

Poole's Funeral Home (Smithfield, VA)

W.H. Jefferson Funeral Home (Vicksburg, MS)

Hutchings Funeral Home (Macon, GA)

Gray's Funeral Home (Cape Charles, VA)

Joseph H. Brown, Jr. Funeral Home (Baltimore, MD)

Davenport and Harris Funeral Home (Birmingham, AL)

James E. Churchman, Jr. Funeral Home (Newark, NJ)

Cox Bros Funeral Directors (Atlanta, GA)

Elliott Funeral Home (Albany, GA)

Hillman-Pratt and Walton Funeral Home (Jacksonville, FL)

Stewart Funeral Home (Washington, DC)

King-Tears Mortuary (Austin, TX)

T.H. Hayes and Sons Funeral Home (Memphis, TN)

Noble and Kelsey Funeral Home (Salisbury, NC)

Collins Funeral Home (Jackson, MS)

JW Wills Co. - House of Wills Funeral Home (Cleveland, OH)

Diehl-Whittaker Funeral Service (Columbus, OH)

E.F. Boyd and Son Funeral Home and Crematory (Cleveland, OH)

Marion A. Daniels & Sons Funeral Home (New York City, NY)

Ragsdale Funeral Center (Muskogee, OK)

Mrs. J.W. Jones Memorial Chapel (Kansas City, KS)

Larkin and Scott Funeral Home (Demopolis, AL)

A.D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home (Louisville, KY)

Murray Henderson Funeral Home (New Orleans, LA)

Lewis Funeral Home (San Antonio, TX)

Snowden Funeral Home (Rockville, MD)

Scott's Funeral Homes (Richmond, VA)

Congressman Alcee L. Hastings is Vice Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, a senior member of the House Rules Committee, and Co-Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission.

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